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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Mark Rosenbaum	3725	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 10-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 10-13 and 15 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 14 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ . |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

Claim 14 is objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form because a multiple dependent claim must be in the alternative only. See MPEP § 608.01(n). Accordingly, the claim 14 has not been further treated on the merits.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Claims 10-13,15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The use of the word ‘preference’ in claims 10 and 11 is confusing as it is not clear what is being positively claimed. The preamble of claim 15 should be consistent with the preamble of the claim it depends upon.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the German'188 patent. This patent discloses the basic apparatus including the use of a sliding fit plastic casing over the disk.. It is well known in the mechanical arts that shrink fitting material provides for better securement than does a simple sliding fit. In order to provide for a more secure fit, it would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the

art to modify the German apparatus by shrink fitting the plastic material, since such a process is well known in the mechanical arts to provide for a better fit.

Claims 12,13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the German '188 patent as applied to claim 11 above, and further in view of the German '886 publication. The German '188 patent does not use an offset located pin to properly place the knife. German '886 solves this problem by showing the use of such a pin. In order to properly locate the knife on the disk, it would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the German '188 apparatus by providing a pin where desired, taught to be desirable by the German '886 patent.

Claims 10,15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the German '886 patent. This patent discloses the basic apparatus except for the use of a scaling. However, use of scales for measuring purposes are well known in the mechanical arts and of no patentable merit. Therefore, in order to provide for an accurate measurement of the blade, it would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the German apparatus by providing a scale wherever desired, since the use of scales is well known by those skilled in the art.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark Rosenbaum whose telephone number is 571-272-4523. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dana Ross can be reached on 571-272-4480. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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